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April 21, 1958

Dear Mr. Dulles:

The miles sped by all too quickly Thursday evening. I was much too occupied with your conversation to be anything but oblivious to the roadway.

On the first point, it would seem to me that our greatest need in the years to come is an informed respect for the competence and the capabilities of the Soviet.

If we are made generally aware of what he is up to, most of us will enthusiastically support programs aimed at meeting the challenge. But if we are left to our own indifferent devices, we shall probably continue to treat him with condescension, constantly underrating him and permitting ordinary dangers to grow into perils.

The antidote to indifference, I'm sure you will agree, is knowledge. If the Agency possesses knowledge which may be useful to people in their judgement on issues affecting the Soviet, then I should think the Agency has an obligation to share that knowledge to the extent that it safely can.

On the second point you made, I feel as you do that the published reports of the Agency should have an identifying character and format of their own.

While the presentation of information may not be as important as the information itself, skill in presentation will often determine the degree of use to which that information is put.

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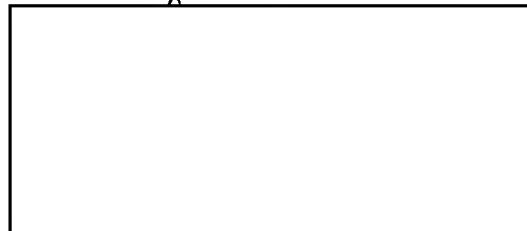
Your consumers are busy men. A great many printed pieces compete for their attention. To the extent that you can command their attention and make it easier for them to read and comprehend your reports, you can improve the effectiveness of your whole system and give added value to intelligence in the formulation of policy. As you know, much can be done through layout, typography, reproduction and editorial organization to make a good product a better one. Certainly, there is no reason why the Agency should not make use of these techniques.

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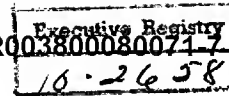
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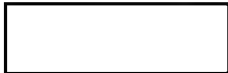
Mr. Allen W. Dulles  
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Washington, D. C.



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April 8, 1958

Dear Mr. Dulles,

It was good of you to reply to uncomfortably brash a letter; my heart was pinned pretty conspicuously to my sleeve. The want has not slackened, however, for I still find myself more in need of cause than I have need for money. This is a discovery we must all make for ourselves; mine was long in coming.

I shall be in Washington on business on April 15th and 16th. If either day is inconvenient, I can lay over for another, assuming you will have time for a visit. Let me plan to give your office a call on arrival and see what your plans are.

I hope you made that trip you had planned and that the weather made it worthwhile. Our fat jowled friends have given you scant time for leisure since Geneva.

Sincerely,



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Mr. Allen W. Dulles  
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Central Intelligence Agency  
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Dear Chet:

I apologize for the long delay in answering your good letter of 21 February 1958. The reason for it is that I wanted to talk over your letter with several of us here and think it over a bit myself.

Our problem these days, in the midst of a campaign to reduce our numbers, is to find proper opportunities for bringing in persons like yourself for high-level jobs. To be quite frank, I have not found just what I want at the moment.

I would suggest that some time in the near future you come down to Washington so that we could sit down and have a good talk. It might not lead to anything which would meet what you have in mind but it would help us both to get a clear idea of the possibilities. Tomorrow I am leaving for a week in the South but I shall be back about April 8th and anytime after that I should be very glad to see you.

Faithfully yours,

**SIGNED**

Allen W. Dulles  
Director

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Dear Mr. Dulles:

Like many a young man in the Pentagon, I once suffered the compulsion of learning what life was like outside.

I have been out for three years. I have a Madison Avenue address, twenty-five thousand dollars a year, and a glass-walled house in Connecticut. I've got money in the bank for my children's education.

But I have very little peace of mind, for I have no sense of usefulness.

Is there any way that a Philistine can come back home?

I'll go anywhere, do anything.

I'm a man in need of a mission. After having had one for so long, I have learned that living is pretty thin without it.

Sincerely,

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